Statement

Sl. No.	Country	1989-90		1990-91		1991-92	
		Qty. (M/T.)	F/Exch. (Rs. crores)	Qty. (M/T.)	F/Exch. (Rs. crores)	Qty. M/T.)	F/Exch. (Rs crores)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Holland	10,000	8.82	—	—	—	—
2.	USA	7,843	6.16	12176	9.74	15208	13.00
3.	Belgium	—	—	20000	23.02	10000	12.98
4.	Srilanka	—	—	12500	7.39	136650	97.29
5.	Jordan	—	—	—	—	102800	74.78
6.	Indonesia	—	—	—	—	96329	60.53
7.	Libya	—	—	—	—	40750	30.00
8.	Yemen	—	—	—	—	36800	26.83
9.	Egypt	—	—	—	—	31600	23.46
10.	Turkey	—	—	—	—	13000	10.00
11.	Maldives	—	—	330	0.25	—	—

Note: The above statement does not include levy sugar exported to Nepal.

Procurement of Foodgrains

1859. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that procurement of foodgrains during the period April-August, 1992 was 17.7 per cent lower than the corresponding period last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Goverment are contemplating to correct the situation.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for less procurement of wheat were higher open market prices of wheat, less mandi arrivals in main wheat producing States, larger purchases by traders and possible holding back of stocks by farmers in anticipation of better prices later during the year etc.

As regards rice, the reasons for lower procurement are larger purchases of paddy by traders in Punjab and Haryana, lower production of paddy in Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh due to unfavourable weather conditions and extension of area under cultivation of basmati paddy which is not procured.

(c) In the case of wheat, purchase under price support operations being voluntary, the Government takes all steps like giving a remunerative price to the farmer, opening a large number of purchase centres, prompt payment etc., to ensure a good procurement.

In the case of paddy, for the current kharif marketing season of 1992-93, the MSP of paddy has been increased by Rs. 40/- per quintal as compared to the previous year. Besides this, all other steps to increase procurement of paddy/rice have been taken, e.g. getting full support and participation of the State Governments/ Union Territories, and requesting them to ensure strict enforcement of levy orders for collection of levy rice from the rice millers/dealers during the current kharif marketing season.

Stock of Foodgrains

1860. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the total stock of foodgrains with Government agencies as on 31st August, 1992 was substantially lower than on the corresponding period of last year;

(b) what are the comparative figures of wheat, rice and other stocks on 31st August, 1991 and 31st August, 1992; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to ensure that the buffer stocks of foodgrains is maintained at a reasonable level ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The estimated stocks of wheat, rice and coarse-grains with the Government agencies as on 31-8-1991 and 31-8-1992 were as under :—

(Lakh Tonnes)

	31-8-1991	31-8-1992
Rice	80.06	64.85
Wheat	93.76	52.98
Coarsegrains	1.00	Neg.
Total	174.82	117.83

(Neg)—Below 500 tonnes.

The existing stock of rice is expected to be sufficiently supplemented by the ongoing Kharif procurement. As regards wheat, the Government is importing about 29.90 lakh tonnes from abroad.

Issue of Licences to New Sugar Mills in U.P.

1861. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that cane crushing percentage of sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh is much lower than the National average due to inadequate number of sugar mills;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure early establishment of new sugar units in U.P.;

(c) whether the Central Government have considered the applications forwarded by the Uttar Pradesh Government for issue of licences for the establishment of new units; and

(d) what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As against the present licensed capacity of 44.798 lakh tonnes, the installed capacity in Uttar Pradesh is 25.347 lakh tonnes. The installation of unimplemented capacity would improve the crushing percentage of sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) In view of the large pendency of unimplemented letters of intent/industrial licences already issued, proposals for setting up of new sugar factories have not yet been taken up for consideration.

Crushing capacity of Meerut and Shahganj Sugar Mills in U.P.

1862. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that demand for licence for increasing present crushing capacity upto 2500 TCD of Meerut and Shahganj Sugar Mills of U.P. is pending before Government and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) The proposal for grant of an industrial licence for effecting substantial expansion in the existing sugar factory at Meerut upto 2500 TCD was considered by the Ministry of Food and it was decided to recommend grant of a letter of intent in favour of the U.P. State Sugar Corporation Ltd., Unit Meerut for establising a restructured/new unit at a new location in its area of operation, away from the city limits, with a capacity of 2500 TCD by closing down the existing sugar factory at Meerut. Thereafter, the views of the State Government in regard to the new location as well as the closing down of the existing unit at Meerut were called for. No reply has been received so far.

The proposal for grant of an industrial licence to Shahganj Sugar Mills for effecting substantial expension upto 2500 TCD was also considered by the Ministry of Food. The views of this Ministry have